

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Previously Amended) An apparatus for preventing erosion of wellbore components comprising:

a wellscreen assembly having a perforated inner tube and at least one screen disposed therearound;

the screen being fluid-porous; and

a coating disposed on the wellscreen assembly wherein the coating is a metal-based coating including nickel in a concentration of about 85% to 95%.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the metal-based coating includes phosphorous.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 34 wherein the organic-based coating is a phenolic resin.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein a ceramic or cermet is added to the phenolic resin.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, where in the phosphorous concentration of the coating is from about 5% to about 15%.

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31. (Cancelled)
32. (Previously Added) The apparatus of any of the above claims, wherein the screen is fabricated of a woven material.
33. (Previously added) An apparatus for preventing erosion of wellbore components comprising:
 - a wellscreen assembly having a perforated inner tube and at least one screen disposed therearound;
 - the screen being fluid-porous; and
 - a coating disposed on the wellscreen assembly wherein the coating is a cermet.
34. (Previously added) An apparatus for preventing erosion of wellbore components comprising:
 - a wellscreen assembly having a perforated inner tube and at least one screen disposed therearound;
 - the screen being fluid-porous; and
 - a coating disposed on the wellscreen assembly wherein the coating is an organic-based coating.